Government departments not open to women for appointment.

502. Mr. K. T. Mathew—Will the Government be pleased to state whether all Government departments are not open for women to hold appointment and, if not, whether a list of those departments which are not open to them be placed on the table ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—At present women are entertained only in the Medical and Education Departments.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Are all other departments closed to women ?

President.—The thing is the question was not considered, viz., which department should admit and which should not. As a matter of fact, we find the Medical and Educational Departments admitting women.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It is for the consideration of, that I submitted the question. My object is not gained by this answer.

President.—Your request to consider the matter is noted.

Supply of Government publications.

503. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to answer the following:—

(a) do the Government supply Cochin Government Gazette and other Government publications free of cost to the newspapers outside Cochin State ; if so, will the Government be pleased to name those newspapers ;

(b) are the same publications supplied to any papers in the State ; if so, which are they ;

(c) have the Government kept any statistics to show the amount of revenue obtained by our Government out of the publications of newspapers in Cochin State and of those outside the State ; will the Government be pleased to inform whether they have any objection to supply all the newspapers conducted in the State ?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes. Vide the list appended. (*Vide Appenaix III.*)

(b) Yes. Vide the list appended (*VidcAppendix IV.*)

c) The provisions of Regulation VII of 1097 or the rules thereunder do not contemplate any revenue except in the matter of inspection of declarations and of grant of copies thereof. The fees to be so collected are in the shape of adhesive labels. No revenue has been realised as yet.

The latter portion of the question is unintelligible.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Are there any accounts to show the amount collected by the Government from the inspection of declaration and the grant of copies ?

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